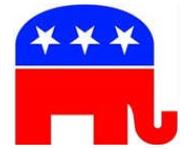


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EARLY PRIMARY REQUIRES EARLY ACTION

By Fred Hildebrand

The California Presidential Primary Election will be held on February 5, 2008, together with Presidential Primaries in 19 other states. Thus, the various presidential candidates need to move very quickly to gain the necessary momentum to win on February 5, 2008.

At this time, only 3 candidates appear to be logical contenders in the race: Rudy Giuliani, John McCain and Mitt Romney. As is our usual practice, River City will bring in top campaign officials from each campaign to address our general membership.

We will begin presentations from the three campaigns at our next General Meeting on March 20th.

First, we will begin with a presentation from the John McCain campaign. At subsequent meetings we will be addressed by representatives from the Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney campaigns. In each instance we will hear from a top representative who will take questions from the audience. For the next three meetings you will have an opportunity to not only hear presentations from the three leading presidential contender's representatives, but you will be able to ask the questions that concern you the most. Do not miss these meetings.

More specific information will be

forwarded in the next few days. Make plans to attend the Primary Election kick-off on March 20th. You will not regret it!

A SLIGHT CHANGE AT RIVER CITY

For the past several years, River City has started our social hour at 6:00 and our general meeting at 7:00.

Several (make that many) of our members have requested that the social hour start later, due to traffic.

For this reason, the board of River City voted to start our social hour at 6:30 and our general meeting at 7:15.

In addition, the board decided to no longer provide a full meal during the general meeting. Starting with the February meeting, we will serve snacks only. As usual, we will have our no host bar open.

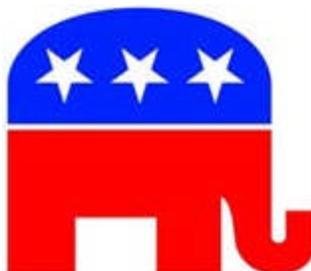
If anyone would like to bring some snacks to share (chips/dip; cookies; etc.) please feel free to bring them.

GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER SIGNS LEGISLATION TO MOVE CALIFORNIA'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY TO FEBRUARY

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed SB 113 authored by Senator Ron Calderon (D- Montebello) at the Leland Stanford Mansion, which was visited during the first-ever trip by a sitting U.S. President - Rutherford B. Hayes - to California, in 1880. This bill will move California's presidential primary to February, from its current June date.

"Moving our presidential primary election from June to February means California will have the influence it deserves in choosing America's next presidential candidates, which is something California really hasn't had since 1972," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "This is a great first step and I am confident that by working together with my partners in the Legislature we will soon be taking more positive action to move ahead with other political reforms for the people of California."

California has the largest population and congressional delegation of any state in the union, yet its current June presidential primary election date virtually ensures that party nominees are determined long before California voters have an opportunity to cast their ballots. Conducting the California presidential primary election on the first Tuesday in February will encourage presidential candidates to campaign in California,



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GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER SIGNS LEGISLATION TO MOVE CALIFORNIA'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY TO FEBRUARY (Cont.)

and to debate and discuss issues and policies important to the people of California.

SB 113 adds a presidential primary election to be held in February in years in which there is a November presidential election. The bill still maintains the June statewide direct primary and provides the intent of the Legislature to reimburse counties for the costs of the presidential primary as soon as possible.

Moving up California's presidential primary is just the start of the Governor's political reform discussion. When the Governor was elected to office, he promised Californians that he would bring integrity back to the political process and his highest political reform priority has been reforming the state's redistricting process. Governor Schwarzenegger is committed to working with state legislators this year to change the current system, which allows incumbents to draw their own district lines. The current system presents an inherent conflict of interest, unfairly protecting incumbents and undermining party competition. In the past three election cycles only 4 of the 459 congressional and legislative seats changed party hands. California needs an independent body to draw legislative and Congressional districts. This will ensure that voters have real choices in their elections. The people of California should have the power to pick their elected officials, not the other way around.

Governor Schwarzenegger has also proposed today banning political fundraising during the budget season and at the end of the legislative year

as well as during the bill signing period. This important political reform will restore voters' confidence in their lawmakers by eliminating any appearance of "money in, favors out" during a critical time in the budget-writing process. When he ran for Governor in 2003, Schwarzenegger called for a fundraising blackout during the budget-writing process.

Signing message:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 113.

For too long, presidential candidates have viewed California as a place in which to raise large campaign contributions to spend in other states. Moving California's presidential primary to February will ensure that these candidates instead focus on earning the support of California voters. As the most populous state in the nation, California voters should have a far greater voice in determining who earns their party's nomination.

Strengthening the voice of voters in the election process is the foundation of our democracy, and moving the presidential primary is a significant step for California on the national stage. However, I believe we must strengthen the voice of California voters in every election, and I will continue to work toward a comprehensive political reform package. This is the year for fair and independent redistricting, campaign finance reform and fixing California's term limit law. We cannot stop until the job is done.

In addition, a separate presidential primary election does not come without costs to California counties. As such, I am signing this measure with the understanding that the Legislature will reimburse counties for the costs of the presidential primary as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Arnold Schwarzenegger

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The RRC meeting in February was a good one, with Barbara Alby giving us some of the chapter and verse of her efforts to find a location for the 2008 Republican National Convention and how one can become a delegate to that convention.

If you want to be a delegate, first you have to divine who is going to win the primary in your congressional district. Next you need to attach yourself, in a meaningful way, to that candidates campaign (keep in mind the primary is in February) and make sure you are one of the 3 chosen delegates or one of the alternates.

That's all you have to do! Simple. And it doesn't hurt if you give a substantial contribution to the candidate too.

And you know the convention is in St Paul Minnesota this time. Take you mosquito repellent.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

March 6, 1857 – Republican Supreme Court Justice John McLean issues a strenuous dissent from a decision by 7 Democrats in the infamous Dred Scott case that African-Americans had no rights "which any white man was bound to respect."

March 7, 1965 – Police under the command of Democrat Governor George Wallace attacked African-Americans demonstrating for voting rights in Selma, AL.

March 12, 1956 – Ninety-seven Democrats in Congress condemn the Supreme Court's decision in Brown v. Board of Education and pledge to continue segregation.

March 20, 1854 – Opponents of Democrats' pro-slavery policies meet in Ripon, Wisconsin to establish the Republican Party.



Carl Burton, President

mission of the Sacramento Republican Party, Donna helped to redraft the bylaws whereby the county party has four Vice Chairman, 1st Vice Chairman in charge of Special Operations, 2nd Vice Chairman of Voter Registration, 3rd Vice Chairman of Precinct Operations and 4th Vice Chairman of Volunteer Organizations.

The bylaws were also changed under Donna's leadership whereby the County Party can make recommendation for local non partisan offices.

THANK YOU DONNA SCHALANSKY

At the March 8 meeting of the Sacramento County Republican Party Central Committee, Donna Schalansky resigned as Chairman of our county party.

Since 1995 Donna has been the Chairman of the Sacramento County Republican Party and under her leadership the role of County Republican Central Committee has become more important in the county and the state.

Donna made sure we had a year round Republican headquarters, and before email became so widely used she made sure there was a quarterly newsletter mailed to our republican volunteers.

In order to help in fulfilling the

Even though I may have had some minor differences with her style of leadership, I feel that Donna has always acted in the best interests of the Republican Party and put party interest above her own interests.

Again Donna Schalansky **THANK YOU**



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Climate Change Legislation Demands Sensible Implementation



Honorable Roger Niello

By Assemblyman Roger Niello

Last month, representatives from industry, environmental organizations, and government convened to swap ideas on how to best implement the goals of AB 32, the “California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006”. What came out of the meeting was an appeal by all involved for the need to implement this bill in the right way. As you may remember, this much-debated piece of legislation mandates a 25% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. While exchanges were “heated” leading up to its passage, we stand now at the point where debate must shift toward how to best implement the legislation.

Predictably, debate has flared up over what is the “best” and most cost-effective way to achieve AB 32’s mandate of emissions reductions. Fundamentally, the bill directs that a combination of policies---market-based, voluntary, and conventional regulation---may be used to achieve its targets. Out of this, two camps have emerged. The traditional “command and control” advocates are suspicious of those favoring a more market driven solution, specifically, a market-based system, which allows trading of emission

“credits” between companies. Under such a system, net emission reductions are the same as if emission caps had been imposed uniformly, but industry is allowed some flexibility in the process and industries will have incentive to reduce beyond the benchmarks.

Part of the reason for the recent debate over implementation is that the use of market systems are allowed, but not mandated by AB 32. Leading up to its passage, even the permission in the bill for the Air Resources Board (ARB) to use a market-based compliance system was hard-fought by some legislators, who opposed such an approach. The Governor, recognizing this vulnerability in the bill’s final language and wishing to solidify a role for the market, issued in October of last year an executive order directing the formation of a “Market Advisory Committee” comprising national and international experts on climate change. This committee’s task will be to issue recommendations to the ARB by June 30th of this year at which point the ARB will collaborate with the Secretary of the Cal-EPA to develop a market-based program.

Most people recognize that competition brings about creativity, but how do we expect creativity to be fully realized if we keep changing the rules or are too rigid in dictating how standards will be achieved? Under established rules, industry can be inventive in their efforts to create the best and most innovative product or in devising ways to meet established objectives. In the case of greenhouse gases, industry may discover methods that lawmakers never considered for achieving reductions. If the incentives are there to reduce, there will be a drive to develop efficiencies, even absent the heavy hand of the regulator. Before we write off the economic considerations of those we consider to be equipped

to shoulder the burden of regulatory flux, we might consider this second less-considered aspect of policymaking.

At the end of the day, our economy functions most effectively when its components can breathe and innovate within an established framework of rules. I did not support AB 32’s passage, at least in part over how it could be executed. But now that this measure is law, you can be assured that I will work to see that it is carried out in a way that keeps our economy moving forward. We simply cannot implement a measure of such impact without a degree of flexibility, and in the end, the best approach will be the one that considers what is best for both our environment and our economy. These considerations must not be mutually exclusive.

WINTER EXERCISE

I just came across an exercise suggested for seniors (but will work for everyone), to build muscle strength in the arms and shoulders. It seems so easy, so I thought I’d pass it on to some of my friends and family. The article suggested doing it three days a week.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5 lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, then relax. Each day, you’ll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks. Then 50-lb potato sacks.

Eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

THIS MAY BE OF INTEREST

From Marko Mlikotin

We agree:

From: Stephen Kinney

This is a poll done by my partner Neil Newhouse.

AMERICANS WANT TO WIN IN IRAQ

(Alexandria, VA) February 20 -- In the wake of the U.S. House of Representatives passing a resolution that amounts to a vote of no confidence in the Bush administration's policies in Iraq, a new national survey by Alexandria, VA-based Public Opinion Strategies (POS) shows the American people may have some different ideas from their elected leaders on this issue.

The survey was conducted nationwide February 5-7 among a bi-partisan, cross-section of 800 registered voters. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percent. The survey was commissioned by The Moriah Group, a Chattanooga-based strategic communications and public affairs firm.

“The survey shows Americans want to win in Iraq, and that they understand Iraq is the central point in the war against terrorism and they can support a U.S. strategy aimed at achieving victory,” said Neil Newhouse, a partner in POS. “The idea of pulling back from Iraq is not where the majority of Americans are.”

* By a 53 percent - 46 percent margin, respondents surveyed said that “Democrats are going too far, too fast in pressing the President to withdraw troops from Iraq.”

* By identical 57 percent - 41 percent margins, voters agreed with these statements: “I support finishing the job in Iraq, that is, keeping the troops there until the Iraqi government can

maintain control and provide security” and “the Iraqi war is a key part of the global war on terrorism.”

* Also, by a 56 percent - 43 percent margin, voters agreed that “even if they have concerns about his war policies, Americans should stand behind the President in Iraq because we are at war.”

* While the survey shows voters believe (60 percent- 34 percent) that Iraq will never become a stable democracy, they still disagree that victory in Iraq (“creating a young, but stable democracy and reducing the threat of terrorism at home”) is no longer possible. Fifty-three percent say it's still possible, while 43 percent disagree.

* By a wide 74 percent - 25 percent margin, voters disagree with the notion that “I don't really care what happens in Iraq after the U.S. leaves, I just want the troops brought home.”

“How Americans view the war does not line up with the partisan messages or actions coming out of Washington,” said Davis Lundy, president of The Moriah Group. “There are still a majority of Americans out there who want to support the President and a focused effort to define and achieve victory.”

While the Bush administration may find some comfort and support in these poll results, their efforts to increasingly tie the war to Iran do not seem to be working. By a 63 percent-32 percent margin, poll respondents say the US should hold direct talks with Iran about the situation in Iraq and they narrowly reject (49 percent-47 percent) the statement “a stable Iraq is the best way to protect America from the nuclear threat of Iran.” Voters also say they are more concerned about the War in Iraq (53 percent) than the growing influence of Iran (35 percent).

Finally, when asked which statement best describes their position on the

Iraq War, voters are evenly divided (50 percent - 49 percent) between positions of “doing whatever it takes to restore order until the Iraqis can govern and provide security to their country,” and positions that call for immediate withdrawal or a strict timetable.

* 27 percent said “the Iraq war is the front line in the battle against terrorism and our troops should stay there and do whatever it takes to restore order until the Iraqis can govern and provide security to their country.”

* 23 percent said “while I don't agree that the U.S. should be in the war, our troops should stay there and do whatever it takes to restore order until the Iraqis can govern and provide security to their country.”

* 32 percent said “whether Iraq is stable or not, the U.S. should set and hold to a strict timetable for withdrawing troops.”

* 17 percent said “the U.S. should immediately withdraw its troops from Iraq.”

The survey also found that voters thought it would hurt American prestige more to pull out of Iraq immediately (59 percent) than it would to stay there for the long term (35 percent).

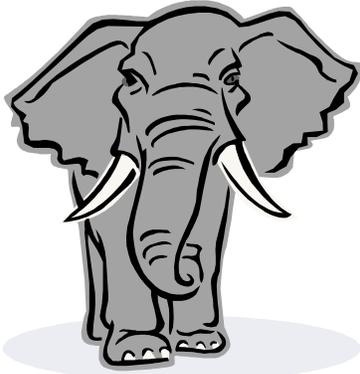
“The key group driving public opinion here are what we call the “nose-holders”, said Newhouse. “They don't believe we should have gone to war or should still be there, but they believe we should stay and do whatever it takes to restore order until the Iraqis can govern and provide security for their own country.”



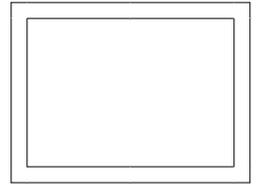
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